

Claim 20, line 5, delete "camphorulfonic" and insert therefor --camphosulfonic--.

Claim 20, line 5, delete "sulfuric" and insert therefor --sulfuric--

Claim 20, line 6, delete the period (.) after "acid".

Claim 21, line 2, delete "groups" and insert therefor --group--.

Claim 21, line 3, delete "and so on such as"

REMARKS

Applicants have deleted the expression "substituted and unsubstituted" from claim 3 in reference to the precursor polymers as the specific polymers mentioned include the substituted and unsubstituted species covered therein.

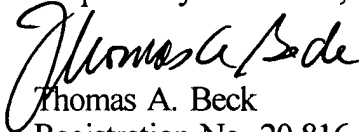
Applicants have attempted in this response to comply with the Examiner's comments and have placed the claims in a form which should result in their allowability. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the substance of any of the proposed claims contained herein with the intent of putting them into an allowable form, Applicants' attorney will be glad to speak with her at a mutually agreeable time and will cooperate in any way possible.

The Examiner has refused to grant an interview with Applicants' attorney in an effort to discuss limitations to be placed in the claims that would put them in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently filing a CPA application.

In view of the arguments and modifications to the claims, allowance of this case is warranted. Such favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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